

What is claimed is:

1. A side airbag disposed in a vehicle to be inflated with gas from a gas generator, comprising:

5 a main bag member having a lower section and an upper section, and

a sub-bag disposed at the lower section of the main bag member to be connected to the gas generator so that the sub-bag is inflated with the gas from the gas generator and the upper section of the main bag is inflated with the gas from the sub-bag.

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2. A side airbag according to claim 1, wherein said sub-bag has an opening so that the sub-bag is inflated first with the gas from the gas generator and then the upper section of the main bag is inflated when the gas from the sub-bag enters through the opening.

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3. A side airbag according to claim 2, further comprising closing means disposed in the main bag for blocking the opening of the sub-bag, said closing means opening the opening when a gas pressure in the sub-bag reaches a predetermined pressure so as to allow the gas to flow out from the sub-bag.

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